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1. Cuba

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a. Soviet IL-18 to
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3. South Vietnam

a. The Viet Cong have stepped up their activity this week, particularly south of Saigon. They may have decided the uneasy political situation would work to their advantage.

b. However, in these encounters, which included several coordinated company-sized strikes, government forces showed up well and inflicted heavy casualties on the attackers--in one case 122 Viet Cong were killed.

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c. The government, meanwhile, is trying to keep politically disaffected elements under control. The crackdown on the Buddhist clergy and students has been accompanied by warnings to military officers against possible approaches by "enemy agents." The officers are promised rewards for reporting any such attempts.

d. Archbishop Thuc has arrived in New York where he hopes to see Cardinal Spellman, Monseigneur Sheehan and a number of Catholic journalists.

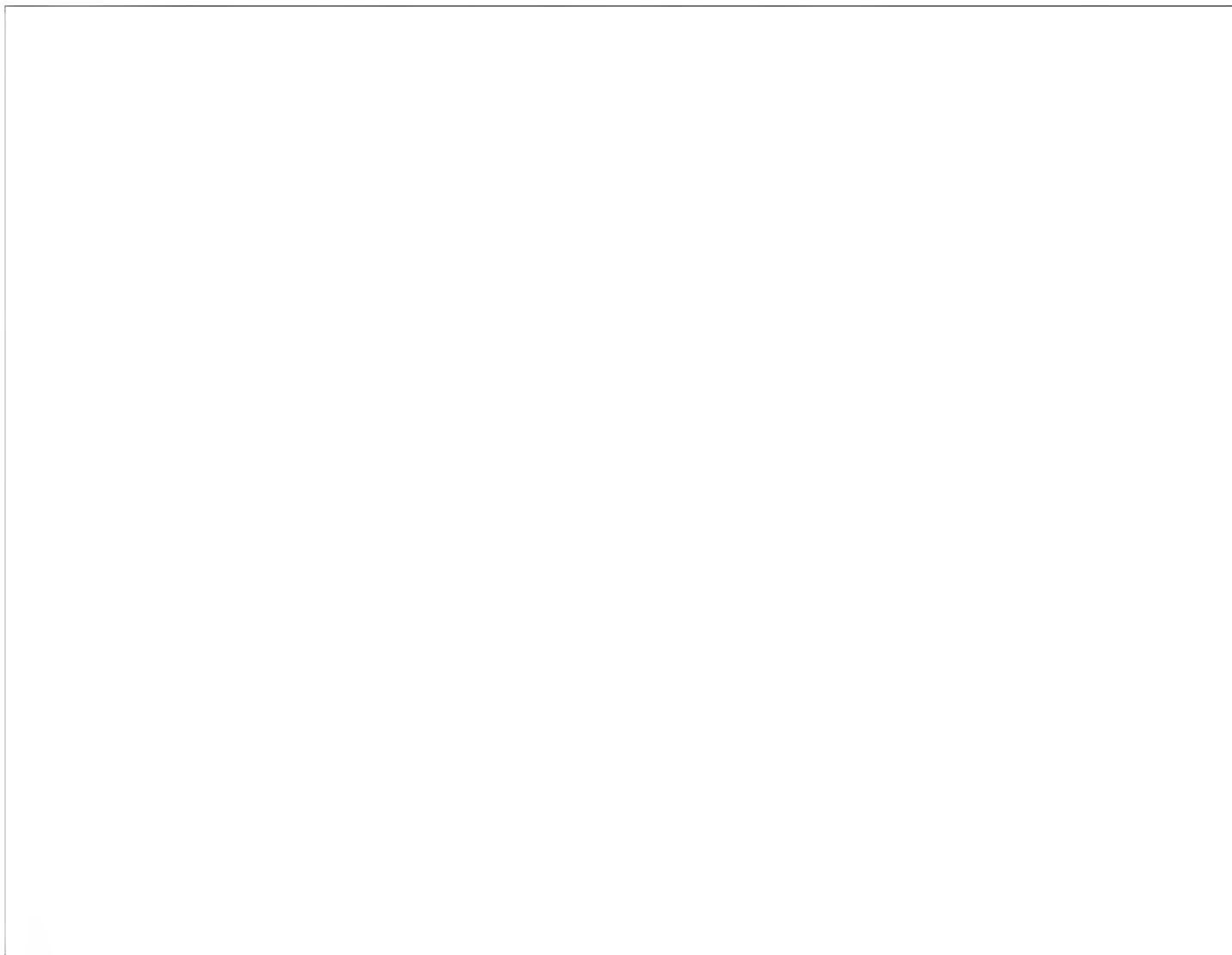
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e. We were told by the new Vietnamese chargé here yesterday that Diem has urged Mme. Nhu not to come here, but in any case to keep quiet if she does.

f. Apparently this was to no avail as she is already booked for one week solid while here, including engagements with NBC, CBS, ABC, the Women's Press Club and the Overseas Press Club in New York.

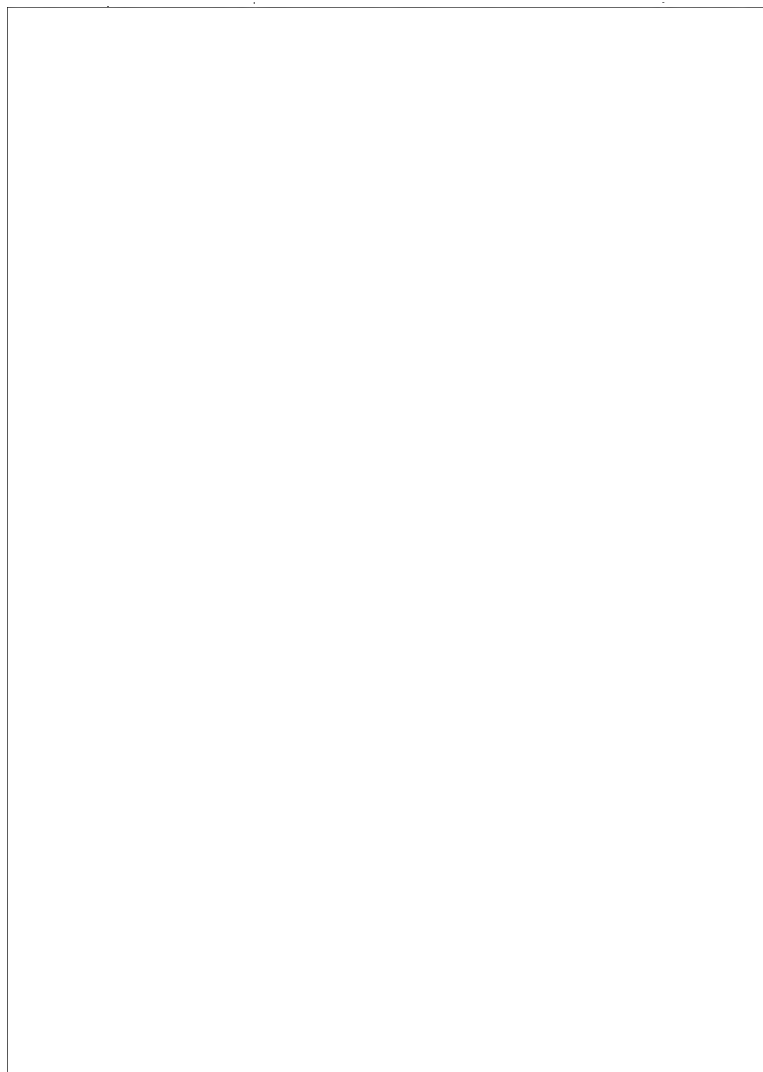
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4. Haiti

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5. West Germany -
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6. Brazil

a. Latest press reports available to us as of 0845 this morning say that a rebellion by some air force and navy personnel in Brasilia was quickly and easily suppressed by army units in the city.

b. The rebels did manage to seize temporarily the Naval and Air Force Ministry, Brasilia's airport and the telephone exchange.

c. The action was apparently taken to protest the Supreme Court's refusal to annul a regulation prohibiting enlisted men from running for elective office.

NOTES

- A. South Korea University students are reported planning to stage a rally in the next day or so to protest failure of the opposition parties and leaders to get together. It could quickly lead to violence, as the atmosphere is already supercharged.
- B. UAR-Yemen [redacted] federation with Yemen would be acceptable only if it were part of a larger merger of Arab states. Yemen's leaders are pushing for federation [redacted] in order to be assured of continued UAR military presence. [redacted] reinforce our suspicion that Cairo is not interested in the idea.
- C. Algeria - Latin America Ben Bella is angling for invitations to visit one or another of the South American countries in conjunction with his trip to the UN in mid-October. Brazil, Bolivia and possibly Chile are most likely candidates. [redacted]
- D. Rumania-USSR Russian has been dropped as a mandatory language in Rumanian schools this year. Instead, it is now an elective along with French and English.
- E. North Korea North Korea's economic plans, heretofore heavily geared to capital reinvestment, are being revised in the direction of more consumer goods. The current seven year plan, evidently now abandoned, had been predicated on substantial help from the Soviets. Having lined up with the Chinese, the North Koreans apparently now expect to have to do with out it.

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